

IN THE CLAIMS

The claims of the present application as set forth below marked with changes.

Cancel claims 22 and 23 without prejudice.

Claims 1 - 19 (Cancelled)

20.(Currently Amended) A method for output of data from a computer system to an output device, comprising the steps of:
generating a master document having a variable data area and having a static data area;
marking said variable data area;
inserting variable data into said variable data area to provide a serial data stream with individual documents, said individual documents respectively containing both variable data as well as static data;
separating said variable data of said serial data stream from said static data on a basis of said marking;
transmitting said variable data separated from said static data from a first individual document to the output device;
storing said static data of said first individual document in said output device;
said static data of following individual documents are not transmitted to said output device;
and
joining said variable data in turn with the stored static data individual document by individual document in said output device;
said marking step of said variable data area ensues by a visually perceptible identification,
said visually perceptible identification is a chromatic marking.

21.(Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 20 1, wherein said output device is a printer device.

Claims 22 and 23 (Cancelled)

24.(Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 22, wherein said output device is a printer device, and said marking ensues with a color that lies outside a printable color spectrum of said printer device.

25.(Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claims 20, further comprising the step of:
indicating a scope of said master document.

26.(Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 20, further comprising the step of:
transmitting characteristic data to said output device with said variable data.

27.(Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 25, wherein said characteristic data includes at least one of: position data, font data and color data.

28.(Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 20, further comprising the step of:
storing said static data in a macro datafile.

29.(Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 20, further comprising the step of:
generating said serial data stream in one of the printer languages PCL, PostScript and LCDS.

30.(Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 20, wherein one of said master document and a the second document is a document of printer language IPDS.

31.(Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 30 29, wherein said document of printer language IPDS is one of an overlay and a page segment.

32.(Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 20, wherein one of said master document and said second document is a document of print data language LCDS.

33.(Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 20, further comprising the step of:
controlling said data output in one of a Windows system environment and a windows-like system environment via data that are input via a user interface.

34.(Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 20, further comprising the steps of:
generating said master document;
linking at least one second document logically with said master document; and
sending the data of said at least one ~~the~~ second document to said output device separated from the data of said master document.

35.(Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim ~~34~~ 33, further comprising the step of:
storing the data of said at least one ~~the~~ second document in said output device.

36.(Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim ~~34~~ 33, further comprising the step of:
joining the data of said master document with data of said at least one second document for output of an individual document.

37.(Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim ~~34~~ 33, wherein said step of logical linking ensues via a referencing.

38.(Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim ~~34~~ 33, further comprising the steps of:
specifying an area of said master document wherein said at least one ~~the~~ second document is to be linked with said master document.

39.(Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 37, wherein said area of said master document is a page region.

40.(Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 33, wherein said second document is one of an overlay and a watermark document.

41.(Currently Amended) A computer program product embodied on a computer readable media and operable to perform the steps of: ~~comprising elements for the implementation of a method for output of data from a computer system to an output device, including:~~
generating a master document having a variable data area and having a static data area;
marking said variable data area;

inserting variable data into said variable data area to provide a serial data stream with individual documents, said individual documents respectively containing both variable data as well as static data;
separating said variable data of said serial data stream from said static data on a basis of said marking;
transmitting said variable data separated from said static data from a first individual document to the output device;
storing said static data of said first individual document in said output device;
said static data of following individual documents are not transmitted to said output device;
and
joining said variable data in turn with the stored static data individual document by individual document in said output device;
said marking step of said variable data area ensues by a visually perceptible identification,
said visually perceptible identification is a chromatic marking.

42.(Currently Amended) A system for implementation of a method including at least one computer to perform a method for output of data from a computer system to an output device, including:
generating a master document having a variable data area and having a static data area;
marking said variable data area;
inserting variable data into said variable data area to provide a serial data stream with individual documents, said individual documents respectively containing both variable data as well as static data;
separating said variable data of said serial data stream from said static data on a basis of said marking;
transmitting said variable data separated from said static data from a first individual document to the output device;
storing said static data of said first individual document in said output device;
said static data of following individual documents are not transmitted to said output device;
and
joining said variable data in turn with the stored static data individual document by individual document in said output device;
said marking step of said variable data area ensues by a visually perceptible identification,
said visually perceptible identification is a chromatic marking.